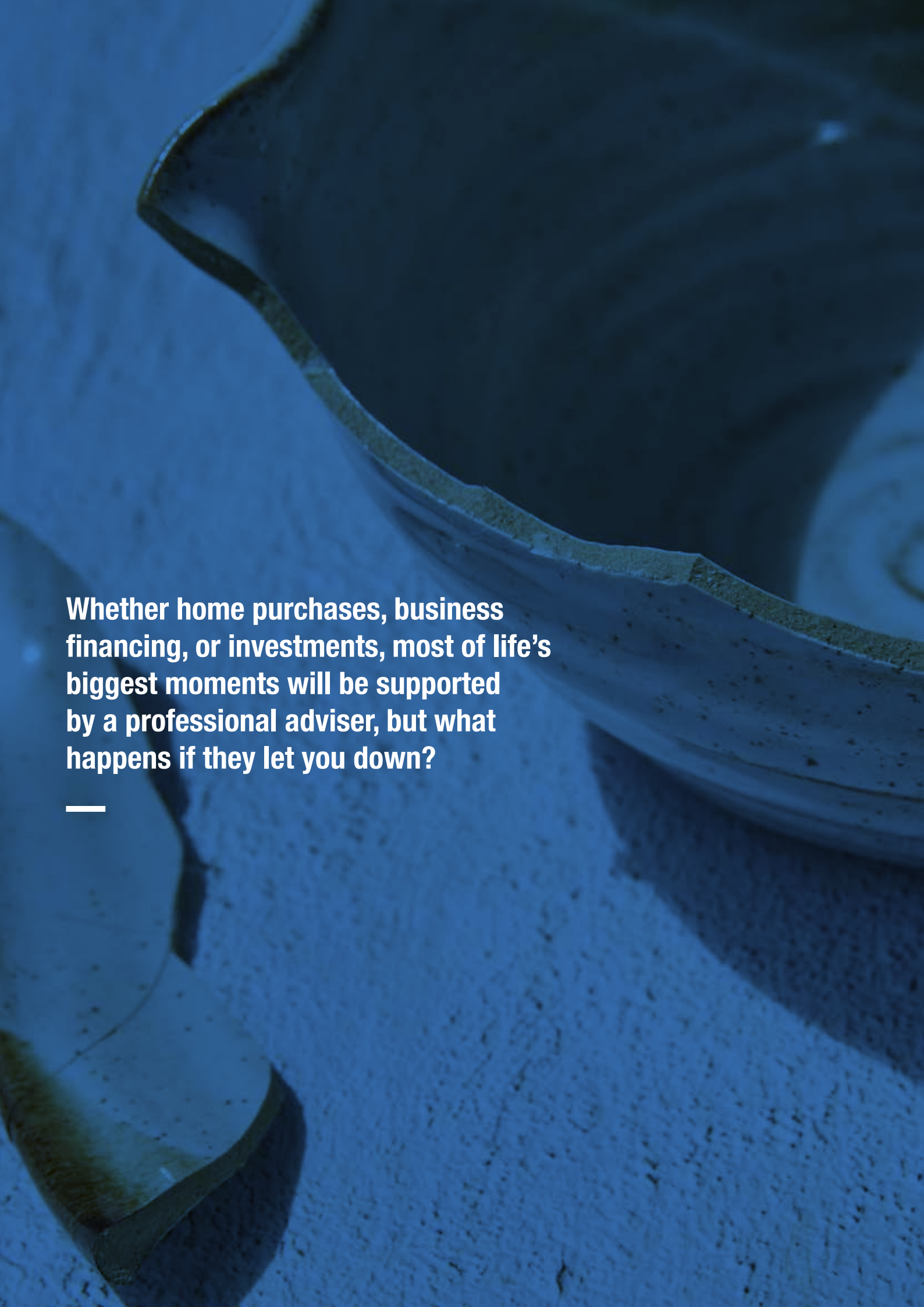


PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE



**Here when you
need us**

A blue-tinted background image showing a broken ceramic vase on a light-colored surface. The vase is shattered into several pieces, with the largest fragment being a curved, bowl-like section that is tilted and broken at the rim. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the ceramic and the surface it lies on.

Whether home purchases, business financing, or investments, most of life's biggest moments will be supported by a professional adviser, but what happens if they let you down?

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All professional advisers owe a duty of care to their clients, from accountants to architects, barristers to brokers, solicitors to surveyors.

Where a professional does not provide services to the required standard and loss or damage is incurred as a result, a legal claim for professional negligence is often the most appropriate route. In this event, it is usually possible to reach a swift resolution by way of settlement with the adviser's insurers.

Stephens Scown's specialist Professional Negligence team are experts in supporting clients and obtaining compensation in these circumstances. We work closely with our other specialist teams to ensure that you receive the best advice, no matter the complexity. For example, we are seeing a rise in claims based on breaches of GDPR and other data protection law, which our award-winning IP, IT and Data Protection team assist with.

We understand that having been failed by one adviser, immediately trusting another to make a claim can be a difficult step. For that reason, and unlike many other firms, we offer an assessment of your claim for a fixed fee. Fixing the fee in advance gives you peace of mind that the strength of your situation will be investigated and evaluated without any risk of an unexpectedly large invoice later.

Funding

We will examine, evaluate, and provide an assessment of merits for your potential claim for an initial fixed fee of between £1000 and £1950 plus VAT, depending upon the level of fee package and support you require.

Having carried out the initial investigation and discussed with you the merits of your claim, we will then explore the best way of funding your claim, whether by utilising an insurance policy, third party funding, conditional-fee or deferred payment arrangements. We always seek to identify the arrangement best for your needs and circumstances.

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Professional negligence: initial investigation fee packages

Level and price (subject to VAT)	Basic £1000 + VAT	Advanced £1950 + VAT
<p>Preliminary review of the issues and your claim An initial review of the claim to assess merits and to identify any immediate obstacle to bringing a claim (such as limitation deadlines). The Preliminary Review will consist of a meeting* with you and an examination of your relevant supporting documentation.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Advice and strategy report A detailed written report setting out your legal options and our suggested strategy to pursue the claim. To include reviewing relevant documents and discussing this with you. The report will be based upon our findings from the Preliminary Review and with reference to your specific circumstances.</p>		✓
<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) guide ADR is an important aspect of any litigation and there could be adverse cost consequences if a party unreasonably refuses to engage. We have prepared a guide explaining the different forms of ADR, the ADR process, and what parties might expect and the possible outcomes.</p>		✓
<p>Litigation guide We have prepared a specialist guide, explaining the litigation process and what to expect at each stage once court proceedings are issued.</p>		✓
<p>Further legal support If you opt for the Advanced package you will be entitled to additional professional guidance and support from our expert team.</p>		✓ 1 hour
<p>Option to increase further legal support</p>		Agreed hourly rate + VAT

* can be provided via telephone call, video or in person.

**A detailed written report
setting out your legal options
and our suggested strategy to
pursue the claim.**

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